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1. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S OFFICE HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOW-
ING AMENDED RESPONSE TO SEN. THURMOND'S QUESTION ON US
FORCES IN THAILAND MADE IN OPEN HEARINGS BEFORE THE SENATE
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 5:

QUOTE: SENATOR THURMOND, WE WOULD PLAN TO REDUCE SUBSTAN-
TIALY OUR FORCES IN THAILAND. WE HAD BEEN REDUCING THEM,
BUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DOES NOT FAVOR
ADDITIONAL FORCE WITHDRAWALS AT THIS TIME. ONE OF OUR
FUTURE GOALS, WHICH WE NEED TO DISCUSS WITH THE THAI
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GOVERNMENT, IS TO DRAW DOWN TO A LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY

10,000 PERSONNEL. END QUOTE.

2. DOD NOW HAS THE ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S TESTIMONY FOR EDITORIAL REVIEW. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS BEFORE IT IS RETURNED AND PUBLISHED. BECAUSE THE HEARINGS WERE IN OPEN SESSION, THE THAI MAY BECOME AWARE OF WHAT WAS SAID BEFORE THE TRANSCRIPTS GO TO PRESS BUT WE BELIEVE

THAT IS NOT A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

3. THERE IS NO WAY TO REMOVE THE 10,000 FIGURE FROM THE RECORD. IN THE EVENT ITS USE SHOULD COME TO THAI ATTENTION BEFORE WE ACTUALLY HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON OUR REDEPLOYMENT PLANS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE TENTATIVE NATURE OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATED OBJECTIVE, PLUS THE INDICATION IN THE AMENDED VERSION OF HIS TESTIMONY THAT OUR PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH THE RTG, WOULD BLUNT POTENTIAL CRITICISM. INGERSOLL

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